Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. The current listing of the claims replaces all previous listings of the claims.

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of <u>providing a</u> ~~treating a telephone~~ call to a telephone number<u>, the method</u> comprising:

quering a service control point regarding treatment of the ~~telephone~~ call ~~at a services node~~;

associating the telephone number with a services node;

~~forwarding the telephone call to the services node for treatment; and~~

~~treating the telephone call at the services node.~~

<u>routing the call to the telephone number when the service control point determines the call has been previously treated at the services node based on an originating telephone number of the call.</u>

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein querying the service control point comprises associating a Called Party Telephone Number with a terminating telephone number of the services node.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein querying the service control point comprises comparing a Calling Party Telephone Number with an originating telephone number of a services node to determine if the telephone call was originated from the services node.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the service control point is queried by a service switching point.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, <u>further comprising:</u> ~~wherein treating the telephone call comprises~~

<u>treating the call at the service node; and</u>

identifying the telephone number where the ~~telephone~~ call will be completed by a

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personal access service.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, <u>further comprising:</u>
<u>treating the call at the service node;</u>
wherein the treatment plays a message to callers.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the message comprises a pre-recorded announcement played for callers.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the message comprises a menu of choices for callers to select.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the forwarding of the telephone call is based on the time of the day.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the forwarding of the telephone call is based on the day of the week.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the forwarding of the telephone call is based on the Calling Party Telephone Number.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the forwarding of the telephone call is based on the station type of the calling party.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the forwarding of the telephone call is conditioned on a switch to enable/disable forwarding.

14.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-readable storage medium comprising a set of</u> <u>instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of</u> ~~method of treating a call, the method~~ ~~comprising~~:
       (a) ~~with a service switching point,~~ receiving a call from a calling party to a called

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party;

(b) sending a query ~~from the service switching point~~ to a service control point;

(c) <u>receiving</u> ~~sending~~ an identification of a services node associated with the called party from the service control point ~~to the service switching point~~;

(d) ~~with the service switching point,~~ connecting the call to the services node; and

~~(e) with the services node, treating the call.~~

(e) <u>routing the tcall to the called party when the service control point determines that the call has been previously treated at the service node based on an originating telephone number of the telephone call.</u>

15.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim 14, <u>further comprising a set of instructions to direct the processor to perform acts of:</u> ~~wherein (e) comprises~~

<u>treating the call at the service node;</u>

<u>wherein treating the call comprises</u> playing a message to the calling party.

16.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim 14, <u>further comprising a set of instructions to direct the processor to perform acts of:</u> ~~wherein (e) comprises~~

<u>treating the call at the service node;</u>

<u>wherein treating the call comprises</u> playing a menu of options to be selected to the calling party.

17.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim 14, <u>further comprising a set of instructions to direct the processor to perform acts of:</u> ~~wherein (e) comprises~~

<u>treating the call at the service node;</u>

<u>wherein the treating the call comprises</u> determining a terminating number for the telephone call.

18.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim

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14, wherein the services node is identified using the calling party's number.

19. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim 14, wherein (d) is performed only if the call has not been previously treated by the services node.

20. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim 14<u>,</u> further comprising <u>a set of instructions to direct the processor to perform acts of:</u>
determining whether the calling party is a subscriber to a services node treating service.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for treating a call, the system comprising:
a service switching point operative to receive a call from a calling party to a called party <u>and to send a query to a service control point</u>; <u>and</u>
~~a services node coupled with the service switching point; and~~
<u>the</u> [[a]] service control point coupled with the service switching point<u>, the service control point</u> ~~and~~ operative to instruct the service switching point to route the call to <u>a</u> ~~the~~ services node;
~~wherein the services node is operative to treat the call.~~
<u>wherein the service switching point is further operative to route the call to the services node and to route the call to the called party when the service control point determines the call has been previously treated at the services node based on an originating telephone number of the call.</u>

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the services node is operative to play a message to the calling party.

23. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the services node is operative to play a menu of options to be selected to the calling party.

24. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the services node is operative to

determine a terminating number for the call.

25. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the service control point is further operative to instruct the service switching point to route the call to the services node only if the call has not been treated by the service node.

26 (New) A method of providing a call to a destination address, the method comprising:

 sending a query regarding treatment of the call;

 associating the destination address with a node; and

 routing the call to the destination address when it is determined that the call has been previously treated at the node based on an originating address of the call.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising:

 forwarding the call to the node for treatment.

28. (New) A computer-readable medium comprising a set of instructions for providing a call to a destination address, the set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:

 sending a query regarding treatment of the call;

 associating the destination address with a node;

 forwarding the call to the node for treatment; and

 routing the call to the destination address when it is determined that the call has been previously treated at the node based on an originating address of the call.